

Maryland Clean Energy Center

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Maryland to Grow Green Collar Jobs, Incubate Energy Innovations through Official Launch of the Region's First Clean Energy Center

Annapolis, MD: The region's first ever center dedicated to the promotion of clean energy development has launched in Maryland. With the recent appointment of the Board of Directors by Governor Martin O'Malley and steps already underway to create the foundation of the Center, the board is actively seeking an executive director and additional staff, working to secure funding and accepting proposals from counties and cities seeking to bring the Center to their area.

"The board has been tasked with an aggressive series of clean energy goals," remarked Governor O'Malley, "I have the utmost confidence that the Maryland Clean Energy Center will grow to be a shining example of our State's leadership in and commitment to creating a *Cleaner, Greener Maryland*."

Charged with the mission of transforming the energy economy in the State of Maryland by dramatically increasing clean energy jobs, technical innovations, entrepreneurial businesses and consumer adoption of products and services, the following board members have accepted these challenges for two to four-year terms:

Jeremy Butz of Adamstown
Kenneth M. Connolly of Chevy Chase
Jeffrey W. Eckel of Millersville
Karen Galindo-White of Ellicott City
Dan Goodman of Sandy Spring
Ivan V. Lanier of Grasonville
Katherine Magruder of Centerville
David I. Opalinsky of Pasadena
Malcolm D. Woolf, Director of the Maryland Energy Administration (*ex officio member*)

Recognizing the need for a coordinated approach to building a strong clean energy industry in Maryland, state leaders created the legislation for the center last spring to promote clean energy economic development and jobs in the state; encourage deployment of clean energy technologies across Maryland; assist newly developed technologies with pilot projects; collect, analyze and disseminate industry data; and provide outreach and technical support to further the clean energy industry in Maryland. Program priorities range from technology commercialization and business incubation to workforce development and training, with expected outcomes of increased health of our economy and environment.

Information regarding the Center can be found at www.marylandcleanenergycenter.org. In particular, the Board has listed details for counties and cities seeking to bring the location of the Center to their region and has set a deadline of February 1, 2009, for interested parties to submit proposals. The web site also contains detailed information for candidates who wish to apply for the position of Executive Director for the Center.

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